information is available with the Government, there is no amount due from Mls. May & Baker and Mls. Cadila on Metronidazole and Dexame-thasone.

Recommendation of Standing Committee for decontrol of prices

1580. SHRI H. S. NAIK:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee have reoom-mended to Government for decontrol of prices of drugs having turn over upto Rs. 3 crores and also those which are produced by three producers and formulated by five formu-lators;

(b) if so, what are the basis on which such recommendation has been made and how such liberalisation would help to generate investment, reduce foreign exchange and and create more employment;

(c) whether it is a fact that liberalisation announced in 1987 has resulted in more out go of foreign exchange and has retarded investment;

(d) whether it is also a fact that prices of price decontrol medicines have gone up by more than 100 per cent; and

(e) what are the new investments made in the drug sector by M/s. Cadila, Lyka, German Ramedies, Hoechst, Ciba, Sarabhai, Alembic during last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Standing Committee are still under examination of the Government.

(c) There is no indication of any such trend linked to the liberalisation announced in 1987.

(d) Under DPCO 1987, the manu facturers of decontrolled medicines. are free to charge their own price. However, where the price increase appears to be abnormally high, Government intervenes.

(e) The details of new investment made by M/s. Cadila etc. during last 3 years are not readily available. How ever, the names of bulk drugs, to the extent available, for which industrial approvals have been granted to these companies during the last 3 years are given in the annexed Statement.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the bulk drug
1	M/s. Cadila	Nifedipine, Glybenclamide, Phyntoin Sodium, Ciprofloxacin, Ranitidine Atenolol, Theophylline, Phenformin, Ampicillin Sodium Sterile, Cloxacillin Sodium Sterile, Cephazolin Sodium Sterile, Chloramphenicol Sodium Sterile.
2	M/s. Lyka	Cloxacillin Sodium, Ampicillin Sodium Sterile and Paracetamol.
3	M/s. German Remedies	Hyoscin-N-Butyl Bromide, Hydroxy Ethyl Theophylline etc.
4	M/s. Hoechst	Cefotaxime Sodium, Frusemide, Pheniramine Maleate, Ratitex HCG, Human Rabies Vaccine.
5	M/s. Sarabhai	Doxycyline, Megnesium Hydroxide, Polysiloxane, Sodium Carboxy Methyl Cellulose, Diclofenace Sodium and Highly purified Insuline Injections.